



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON
DISABILITIES
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374A
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012
<http://laccod.org>**

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

1:00 PM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (13-1896)

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Call to Order. (13-1812)

President John B. Troost called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

President John B. Troost asked the Commission to observe a moment of silence in the memory of the bombing victims at the Boston Marathon and Annette Funicello.

Present: President John B. Troost, Vice President Janet A. Neal, Commissioner Edward A. Colley, Commissioner Steve Miller, Commissioner Maria Mustelier-Parrish, Commissioner Winslow C. Reitnouer, Commissioner Alexia Teran and Commissioner Wendy Welt Narro

Absent: 2nd Vice President John R. James and Commissioner Sheila D. Wright

Excused: Treasurer Kecia Brooke Weller, Commissioner Wan Chun Chang, Commissioner Michael Gureckas and Commissioner Ruben Anthony Rios

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Approval of the Minutes from the meeting of February 20, 2013. (Continued from the meeting of 03/20/13) (13-1798)

On motion of Commissioner Wendy Welt Narro, seconded by 1st Vice President Janet A. Neal, and unanimously carried, the minutes from the meeting of February 20, 2013, was approved.

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2. Appoint Ad-Hoc Nominating Committee members comprised of Commissioners representing each Supervisorial District. (13-1814)

President John B. Troost requested volunteers to serve on the Ad-Hoc Nominating Committee.

During discussion, Commissioners Winslow C. Reitnouer and Wendy Welt Narro volunteered to serve on the Nominating Committee. Commissioner Winslow C. Reitnouer will serve as Chair of the Committee.

The Committee will review the timeline and contact staff to schedule a teleconference meeting.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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3. Discussion and approval of the 2013 Access Awards Luncheon Budget. (Continued from the meetings of 02/20/13 and 3/20/13) (13-1799)

On motion of Commissioner Wendy Welt Narro, seconded by Commissioner Winslow Reitnouer, the 2013 Access Awards Luncheon Budget was approved as submitted.

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4. Discussion and Approval of request to purchase refreshments for the Commission on Disabilities' 2013 Educational Scholarship Awards' Presentation and Program, in an amount not to exceed \$600.00. (13-1823)

On motion of Commissioner Wendy Welt Narro, seconded by 1st Vice President Janet A. Neal, unanimously carried, this item was approved.

5. Discussion and Approval of request to purchase refreshments for the 2013-15 Commission on Disabilities Installation of Officers' Reception, in an amount not to exceed \$500.00. (13-1825)

During discussion, Commissioner Wendy Welt Narro, seconded by Commissioner Steve Miller, presented a substitute motion that the purchase of refreshments for the 2013-15 Commission on Disabilities Installation of Officers' Reception not to exceed \$300.00. Said substitute motion failed with the following votes:

Ayes: 2 - Commissioner Edward A. Colley and Commissioner Steve Miller

Noes: 6 - President John B. Troost, Vice President Janet A. Neal, Commissioner Maria Mustelier-Parrish, Commissioner Winslow C. Reitnouer, Commissioner Alexia Teran and Commissioner Wendy Welt Narro

Absent: 2 - 2nd Vice President John R. James and Commissioner Sheila D. Wright

Excused: 4 - Treasurer Kecia Brooke Weller, Commissioner Wan Chun Chang, Commissioner Michael Gureckas and Commissioner Ruben Anthony Rios

After further discussion, Commissioner Steve Miller, seconded by Commissioner Ed A. Colley, presented a substitute motion that the purchase of refreshments for the 2013-15 Commission on Disabilities Installation of Officers' Reception not to exceed \$250.00. Said substitute motion failed with the following votes:

Ayes: 3 - Commissioner Edward A. Colley, Commissioner Steve Miller and Commissioner Wendy Welt Narro

Noes: 5 - President John B. Troost, Vice President Janet A. Neal, Commissioner Maria Mustelier-Parrish, Commissioner Winslow C. Reitnouer and Commissioner Alexia Teran

Absent: 2 - 2nd Vice President John R. James and Commissioner Sheila D. Wright

Excused: 4 - Treasurer Kecia Brooke Weller, Commissioner Wan Chun Chang, Commissioner Michael Gureckas and Commissioner Ruben Anthony Rios

Later in the meeting, on motion of Commissioner Wendy Welt Narro, seconded by 1st Vice President Janet A. Neal, the request to purchase refreshments for the 2013-15 Commission on Disabilities Installation of Officers' Reception in an amount not to exceed \$500.00 was duly carried with the following votes:

Ayes: 5 - President John B. Troost, Vice President Janet A. Neal, Commissioner Winslow C. Reitnouer, Commissioner Alexia Teran and Commissioner Wendy Welt Narro

Noes: 3 - Commissioner Edward A. Colley, Commissioner Steve Miller and Commissioner Maria Mustelier-Parrish

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- Absent:** 2 - 2nd Vice President John R. James and Commissioner Sheila D. Wright
- Excused:** 4 - Treasurer Kecia Brooke Weller, Commissioner Wan Chun Chang, Commissioner Michael Gureckas and Commissioner Ruben Anthony Rios

II. REPORTS

6. President's Report for March 2013. (13-1800)

President John B. Troost reported his experience in the re-evaluation process with Access Services as a rider. He also reported the Affordable Care Act was speculative and the guidelines will be available in August or September 2013. He also shared a reliable website source called INSPIRE.COM, which is a disability community that shares experiences with each other.

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7. Monthly Staff Report by Emma De Jesus. (13-1810)

Emma De Jesus, Commission Services Staff, reported that the 2013 Education Scholarship applications are being reviewed by the Events Committee and the Board of Supervisors Presentation of the Commission on Disabilities' Scholarship honorees will be held on July 2, 2013.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was filed.

8. Monthly Report by Events' Committee Chair Janet A. Neal. (13-1801)

1st Vice President Janet A. Neal provided an overview of the April 10, 2013 Events Committee meeting. She stated that Linda Brown of the Omni Hotel will submit a proposed contract for the Los Angeles County Commission on Disabilities' Access Awards Luncheon event. She also stated that exhibitors will be required to pay a \$100 fee, while non-profit vendors will be admitted at no cost. Additionally, lunch will be provided to paid exhibitors. She concluded by saying Commissioners will not receive free lunches. However, Commissioners who require assistance in purchasing tickets to the Access Awards Luncheon will be given opportunities to earn a complimentary ticket.

Following discussion, by common consent and there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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9. Monthly Report by Yvonne Price, ADA Compliance Administrator, and Giovanna Gogreve, ADA Paratransit Program Administrator for Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (METRO). (13-1802)

Yvonne Price, ADA Compliance Administrator of Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (METRO), reported that METRO is currently testing the G-Tel gate latching system at METRO stations. She stated that the problems detected were due to lack of proper training of Station Monitor staff. She also informed the Commission that METRO will be conducting Station testing of the equipment on June 19, 2013 with disabled persons being the focus group in the testing.

Ms. Price responded to questions posed by the Commission.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

10. Monthly Report by Louis Burns, Access Services Customer Support Administrator, Access Services Inc. (13-1804)

Louis Burns, Access Services Customer Support Administrator, Access Services Inc., reported Same Day Service that was eliminated some years ago, is being considered for reinstatement, and will be offered as Premium Service. The Volunteer Driver Service program, where a family member or a friend drives a Access Services' participant to the participants' appointments is reimbursed for mileage and other expenses, is also being considered for implementation by Access Services, Inc.

After discussion, Mr. Burns responded to questions posed by the Commission.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objections, this item was received and filed.

III. PRESENTATION

11. Presentation by Catherine Blakemore, Executive Director of Protection & Advocacy, Protection & Advocacy, Incorporated, on the State and Federal Budget actions' impact on people with disabilities. (13-1805)

Catherine Blakemore, Executive Director of Disability Rights, California, provided an overview of the Preliminary Analysis of 2013-14 Governor's Proposed Budget by Disability Rights California Legislative and Public Information Unit.

President John B. Troost, 1st Vice President Janet A. Neal, Commissioners Steve Miller, Ed A. Colley and Wendy Welt Narro commented on this item.

Ms. Blakemore responded to questions posed by the Commission.

President John B. Troost and the Commission thanked Ms. Blakemore for her insightful information.

Commissioner Steve Miller thanked the Commission for having Ms. Blakemore as a presenter.

Following discussion, and at the request of President John B. Troost, an Ad-Hoc Committee was established to identify County Departmental liaisons to the Commission on Disabilities, who would engage and report to the Commission on a monthly basis pertinent information regarding issues affecting people with disabilities.

President John B. Troost, 1st Vice President Janet A. Neal and Commissioners Wendy Welt Narro, Maria Mustelier-Parrish and Steve Miller volunteered as members of this Committee. It was noted that Commissioner Steve Miller will serve as the Committee's Chair.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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IV. DISCUSSION

12. Discussion on appointment of a Commission on Disabilities' representative to the Access Services, Incorporated, Board of Directors. (Continued from the meetings of 02/20/13 and 03/20/13) (13-1807)

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Ed A. Colley, seconded by 1st Vice President Janet A. Neal, and unanimously carried, Commissioner John B. Troost was appointed as the Commission on Disabilities' representative to the Access Services, Incorporated, Board of Directors.

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V. MISCELLANEOUS

13. Commissioners' announcements for April 2013. (13-1830)

Commissioner Alexia Teran announced that the Cinco De Mayo Festival and Parade will be held on May 4, 2013 at Cypress Park, CA. She thanked staff for providing flyers, brochures, handouts, METRO flyers and the Commission on Disabilities banner for the event.

Commissioner Wendy Welt Narro announced the Got Kids Charity will host its 10th Year Anniversary Party on Saturday, April 20, 2013 at the Hacienda Hotel-LAX, Los Angeles, CA.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was filed.

Matters Not Posted

14. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Committee, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (13-0804)

There were no matters presented.

Public Comment

15. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (13-1808)

Joseph DeGuerre, a member of the public, addressed the Commission on health care oversight issues.

Adjournment

16. Adjournment for the April 17, 2013 meeting. (13-1809)

On motion on Commissioner Wendy Welt Narro, seconded by 1st Vice President Janet A. Neal, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m. in memory of Martin Richard and Annette Funicello.